

## ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for enhancing the performance of speech recognition by adaptively changing a process of determining the final, recognized word depending on a user's selection in a list of alternative words represented by a result of speech recognition. A speech recognition method comprising: inputting speech uttered by a user; recognizing the input speech and creating a predetermined number of alternative words to be recognized in the order of similarity; and displaying a list of alternative words arranged in a predetermined order and determining an alternative word that a cursor currently indicates as the final, recognized word if a user's selection from the list of alternative words has not been changed within a predetermined standby time.